

MONROE COUNTY NEWS RELEASE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE JACK DOYLE CLOSES COUNTY OFFICES EARLY

Civil Service Exams Scheduled For Tomorrow Are Postponed, Hall of Justice Has Also Been Closed.

County Executive Jack Doyle announced that County offices will close early at 1:30 p.m. today. The announcement affects all non-essential employees. In addition, all courts located at the Civic Center Plaza, including the Hall of Justice will also close at 1:30 p.m. Monroe County Civil Service Exams scheduled for tomorrow have been postponed until Saturday April 12 at Frederick Douglass Middle School.

A phone number, in conjunction with Lifeline, has been established for residents that need transportation to and from life-saving medical treatment such as dialysis. That phone number is 224-8330.

Monroe County previously announced:

Monroe County and the American Red Cross have announced the sites of available "warming centers" for County residents without heat and/or power. It was stressed that the centers are for temporary, short-term use and that residents should find family or friends (where possible) with heat and shelter until power is restored.

The warming centers are located at the following sites and will open at 1:00 p.m.:

(Warming centers will not provide meals, sleeping facilities or medical care)

**Greece Arcadia High School – 120 Island Cottage Road, Greece
Webster Spry Middle School – 119 South Avenue, Webster
Penfield Community Center – 1985 Baird Road, Penfield
Gates Community Center – 1605 Buffalo Road, Gates
Eastridge High School – 2350 East Ridge Road, Irondequoit
East High School – Ohio St. Loading Dock Entrance, Rochester**

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If the need for overnight sheltering with sleeping accommodations is warranted arrangements will be made and announced in the future.

In addition, residents are asked to check in on elderly or mobility-impaired neighbors to ensure that they are safe and to offer shelter to those without heat and/or power. Individuals with special home health care needs should contact their “home health care provider.” Those people with medical issues that need immediate assistance should call 911.

Also, RG&E has announced that 50,000 households are without power, and that they are working as fast as possible to bring affected areas back online.

Numerous events throughout our community have been cancelled and residents should call ahead before traveling and stay tuned to local media outlets for news of cancellations.

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